

CASTRO RETALIATES

Imprisons British and Ger

man Residents.

**Venezuelan Vesse's Scuttled by
the Allied Fleet.**

**Germany to Send Four More Cruisers and
England Is Preparing to Send More
ships—Diplomatic Representatives of
the Powers Embark at La Guayra
for Trinidad—Venezuelans Fortifying
Lavaca and Puerto Cabello and
the Populace Arming—Gen. Ferrer
Reaches La Guayra With 2,000 Troops—
Castro to Release All His Oppo-
nents to Fight Against "the Enemy"
—President Castro Issues a Call Against
Invaders—British and German Cor-
sairs at Puerto Cabello in Prison—Sen-
timent in Washington Condemns Sink-
ing of the Venezuelan Gunboats, but
the Administration Keeps Hands Off**

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇOA, Dec. 11.—The Venez-
uelan authorities are fortifying Puerto
Cabello and the Gulf of Paria.

The British and German residents of the port have been imprisoned, including the British and German Consuls.

The Venezuelans seized the property of these residents, and also seized a British steamer, which was discharging a cargo of coal and was unable to escape owing to the machinery being out of order.

The American Consul tried to intervene but he was disregarded.

Preparations are being made to withstand those who are already called the enemy.

A Government decree summons to arms all able-bodied men from 18 to 50 years of age.

Deputations have been sent to the revolutionary Generals still in the field to negotiate an understanding with President Castro in order that the Venezuelans may meet the enemy as a united people.

All available troops are being sent to La Guayra from Caracas.

President Castro has sent a deputation to the leader of the Nationalist party, who

is now a prisoner at Maracaibo, to release him and place him at the head of the troops.

Another deputation has been commissioned to offer the military Government to Gen. Rolando, who only yesterday was fighting against President Castro.

The embargo on the property of Gen. Matos, a revolutionary leader, has been raised.

FIGHTING IN LA GUAYRA?

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Despatches received here report fighting in the streets of La Guayra between the English and German marines and the Venezuelians. The allies are said to be trying to capture President Castro.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Viscount Cranborne, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, received an official message confirming the report of the capture of Venezuelan warships by the British and German fleets and the sinking of two of them.

Viscount Cranborne said it was reported that the British Consul at Caracas had been arrested. The British Vice-Consul at Guayra with some women and children was taken aboard the British cruiser Retribution last night.

It was said that President Castro was

holding British and German subjects hostages.

According to the last information, which left La Guayra last night, the persons arrested had not been ill treated.

The answer of the Venezuelan Government to the ultimatum presented by the representatives of the British and German governments was transmitted to Bowen, the American Minister, yesterday. Its purport is unknown.

All the British and German subjects who were arrested have been released.

TWO MORE VESSELS SEIZED.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Dec. 11.—The British cruiser Alert has captured the Venezuelan troopship Zamora and the consular vessel Veinte-tres de Mayo in the Gulf of Paria.

The Alert took her prizes to Port of Spain, Trinidad, to-day.

MORE SHIPS AGAINST CASTRO.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—It is reported that the Ministry of Marine is preparing to reëquip the German squadron in Venezuela against

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Admiralty has ordered certain warships at Devonport to be kept in readiness to proceed to sea at twenty-four hours' notice.

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